GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:472
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
VARIETIES OF PULSES AND OILSEEDS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several measures are being taken to augment the production of pulses and oilseeds in the country;

(b) whether various Governmental and non-governmental institutions are engaged in increasing the production and developing high yielding varieties of pulses and oil seeds;

(c) if so, the names of such institutions alongwith the estimated increase in the production of pulses and oil seeds during the ensuing three years;

(d) whether it would be adequate to meet the domestic requirement; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 472 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.04.2001.

(a): Yes, Sir. Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) for Pulses and Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) for Oilseeds are being implemented by Technology Mission on Oilseeds andPulses to augment the production of Pulses and Oilseeds in the country.

(b)&(c): The main implementing agencies of these schemes are the State Department of Agriculture of various States. High yielding varieties of oilseeds and pulses are being developed by the ICAR systems.As regards the estimated increase in the production of pulses and oilseeds, efforts are being made to achieve the targeted production of 16.50 million tonnes for pulses and 30.00 million tonnes of oilseeds fixed by the Planning Commission for terminal year of the IXth Plan, i.e.2001-2002. However, the production targets of pulses and oilseeds for the Xth Plan have not yet been fixed by the Planning Commission.

(d)&(e): The production targets of different crops including pulses and oilseeds are fixed by the Planning Commission for a Plan period keeping into consideration the domestic requirement. There is a gap in the demand and production of edible oil and pulses. The gap is being met through imports. The Oilseeds ProductionProgrammes (OPP) and National Pulses Development Projects (NPDP) have recently been strengthened to increase the production and productivity of these two crops.